

Clint mourns passing of ex-superintendent

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EL PASO — Former Clint Independent School District Ricardo Estrada's death last week has left a void among school officials, staff and students who for several decades relied on him, officials said.

Estrada, who worked with the school district for nearly 40 years, passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. He retired in December.

"This is a great loss for Clint Independent School District and the entire El Paso community. Mr. Estrada was a very special man. He exemplified all of the qualities of not only a great educator, but those of a great person as well," said James Pendell, president of the Clint



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school district board of trustees. Estrada was named Region 19 Superintendent of the Year for 2008 and was honored in September 2008 by the Texas Association of School Boards for his success as superintendent and as an educator.

Estrada began his career in education as an elementary teacher and coach in 1969 before he began service in administration for the district.

"Mr. Estrada had a tremendous knack for seeing the good qualities in a person, and the bright side of any situation. His optimism and genuine concern for others was his trademark," Pendell said.